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WELCOME

When confronted with the not-always-positive economic news of late, it can be easy to sometimes forget the reasons for celebration. Even in these difficult times, many in our community find the time and energy to volunteer and commit themselves to worthwhile efforts. I highlight some of these individuals and efforts in this month's newsletter. From the "Going Red for Women" initiative that helps women combat heart disease and live to see tomorrow, to recognizing Black History Month, and the work of the Columbus Historical Society that honors past contributions—this edition highlights some of the best of our community and world.

As I have said many times, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the citizens of Columbus. I look forward to continuing to work with great community partners in our efforts ensure a safe, healthy and happy future for all.

If my office can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to call (614) 645-8580 and speak with my Legislative Aide, James Ragland. He can also be reached by email at jcragland@columbus.gov. Have a great March.



Sincerely,

Charleta B. Tavares
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Members of Columbus City Council join representatives from the American Heart Association and OSU football coach Jim Tressel to help raise awareness of heart disease among women.

TAVARES, CITY COUNCIL CHAMPION GO RED FOR WOMEN INITIATIVE

On Monday, February 1, 2010, Councilmember Charleta Tavares presented the American Heart Association with a resolution promoting the *Go Red for Women* initiative. *Go Red for Women* brings attention to the number one cause of death for women—heart-disease—and serves as a call for change. The resolution, sponsored by the entire Columbus City Council designated Friday, February 5, 2010 as Wear Red Day in the City of Columbus. By officially recognizing the *Go Red for Women* Campaign, City Council reaffirms its support for the American Heart Association's national effort by urging everyone to wear red in recognition of family, friends, and neighbors who have suffered from heart disease.

"Being that heart disease is the number one killer of women, we must do everything possible to spread the message of good heart health," said Councilmember Charleta Tavares. "I applaud the exceptional work of the American Heart Association on their *Go Red for Women* Campaign."

Kristina Robinson, of Cardinal Health and local spokesperson for the American Heart Association, provided Council with information, statistics and the current state of heart disease for the women of Columbus. Accompanying the resolution was a commitment by Columbus City Hall to join other local businesses and light the building red at night throughout the month of February. For more information regarding the Go Red For Women campaign, please call 1-888-MY-HEART (1-888-694-3278), or visit GoRedForWomen.org

BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPOTLIGHT — THE SALEM FEMALE ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY

In early 1832, a group of “females of color” in Salem, Massachusetts organized the first women’s antislavery society in the United States. Like most free black antislavery societies, the Salem organization addressed a variety of issues important to free blacks in addition to the campaign against slavery. It supported secular and Sabbath schools for free blacks, assisted newly freed or runaway slaves, and opposed racial segregation and discrimination in the northern free states. Two years after its founding, the Society expanded its membership to include white women and officially re-organized as the Salem Female Anti-Slavery Society.



William Lloyd Garrison's *The Liberator*

The Salem Female Anti-Slavery Society (SFASS) was similar in some ways to other female anti-slavery organizations. It raised money to support abolitionist publications such as *The Liberator* by organizing annual bazaars that featured the contributions of local free blacks and organized lecture series. The society's support for *The Liberator* underscored its Garrisonian politics that advocated the immediate end of slavery as well as William Lloyd Garrison's support of the expanded role of women in the movement.

Like other abolitionist women, its participants were often involved in a host of other reform activities. For example, the Society's vice-president, Clarissa C. Lawrence, also served as president of the Colored Female Religious and Moral Reform Society of Salem, and Sarah Parker Remond was a prominent abolitionist lecturer who would eventually pursue a career in medicine. Remond's family was among the black elite in Salem and active participants in the abolitionist movement.



Sarah Parker Remond
blackpast.org

Many of the members, however, were self-supporting women. The working-class rank and file of the Society shaped the scope of its priorities and activities. In addition to its overt antislavery work, for example, the

SFASS established a sewing school for young black women and girls and raised funds to help sustain a local black church. The Society disbanded in January 1866 but a number of former members participated in the activities of the Freedman's Bureau in the South.

As Black History Month is celebrated, let the courage and diligence of the Salem Female Anti-Slavery Society and its founding members not be forgotten.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING TODAY

“The members of the Salem Female Anti-Slavery Society believed as I do that slavery, anywhere on our planet should not be tolerated,” said Councilmember Charleta Tavares. “Unfortunately, even in the year 2010, we are facing a growing problem of modern day slavery right here in Central Ohio. Globally, as many as 2 million people fall victim to international traffickers every year. This coincides with an estimated 18,000 men women and children being trafficked in the United States and up to 300,000 children at risk of commercial sexual exploitation. In Columbus, this problem is exacerbated by the presence of our emerging New Americans communities, and we must work to stop this modern day slavery here in Central Ohio before it gets out of control.”

On Wednesday March 3rd, Tavares, and other members of Council, will hear testimony from the Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition at her Health and Human Development, and Housing Committee meeting. The Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition was established under the guidance of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to assist victims of human trafficking; rescuing victims through increased public and law enforcement awareness and restoring lives through social service support.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday March 3, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in Columbus City Council Chambers, located in City Hall, 90 West Broad Street. The meeting will begin with the reading of legislation from the Departments of Development and Health, and then proceed with the hearing on human trafficking.

If you would like more information about this public hearing, please call the Office of Councilmember Charleta Tavares at (614) 645-8580 or by emailing her Legislative Aide, James C. Ragland at jragland@columbus.gov. If you are a victim of human trafficking and you need support, please dial 211.

CITY AND OSU ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP TO CREATE NEW JOBS AND HELP REVITALIZE NEIGHBORHOOD



Reverend Dr. Victor Davis, Councilmember Charleta Tavares, Mayor Michael Coleman, OSU President Gordon Gee, Councilmember Andrew Ginther and OSU Medical Center CEO Steven G. Gabbe announce historic east side Columbus revitalization effort.

Ohio State University President E. Gordon Gee and Mayor Michael Coleman were recently joined by OSU Medical Center CEO Steven Gabbe, Councilmember Charleta Tavares, Councilmember Andrew Ginther and East Side neighborhood leaders to announce a historic partnership that will result in the creation of 6,000 new jobs and a new neighborhood revitalization effort on the East Side.

"As University Hospital East improves, so will the neighborhood it calls home," Mayor Coleman said. "I appreciate all the great people at Ohio State and the OSU Medical Center for working with us on this historic partnership for jobs and neighborhood revitalization."

This partnership will result in the largest jobs initiative in Columbus history through a \$1 billion expansion of OSU Medical

Center where 6,000 new jobs will be created. The city will realize \$77 million in income tax over the next 15 years from the partnership.

"This initiative builds on many longstanding collaborations among the university, the City of Columbus and community leaders," said President Gee. "Recognizing that our fates are thoroughly tied, we are marshalling our collective resources and pressing forward as partners in common purpose and common calling to advance Columbus' future."

The city is providing an income-tax rebate mirrored after the agreement City Council approved in 2008 for Children's Hospital. OSU will in turn reinvest dollars it saves into an unprecedented neighborhood revitalization effort in the area surrounding University Hospital East. OSU is committing to spending \$10 million over the next decade to improve housing and quality of life in the neighborhood.

"As a member of The Ohio State University Health System, University Hospital East has been delivering outstanding medical care in the neighborhood for many years," said Dr. Gabbe. "Continued investments in our facility and programming, combined with innovative community partnerships, demonstrate OSU Medical Center's ongoing commitment to improve the health and well-being of residents in our communities."

Key components of the investment include acquisition and rehab of houses, down-payment assistance and a \$1 million faith-based initiative with neighborhood clergy, designed to promote healthy lifestyles through education, diet and exercise. Prior to any final neighborhood decisions, OSU is undertaking an area-wide study and seeking the input of residents to help shape future programs and investment.

"While OSU's community reinvestment plans will be a shot in the arm for the East Side, the overall expansion will have an incredible impact on all Columbus neighborhoods," said Councilmember Andrew Ginther, chair of the Development and Finance Committee. "Job creation and retention are key components to stabilizing our economy and improving our community. This commitment also allows Columbus to continue to position itself as a national leader in field of medical technology and to attract the best and brightest to our city."

"Studies have proven that access to high quality medical care and nutrition services are critical to improving the lives of our residents," said Councilmember Charleta Tavares, chair of the Health and Human Development Committee. "I appreciate the fact that Ohio State leaders also recognize that affordable housing gives our families a safe place to grow and begin to learn the value of investing in the future, helping to build a stronger neighborhood here on the East Side."



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CITY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED, DORRIAN AND OTHERS HONORED

February 18, 2010 not only marked the 198th "birthday" of Columbus, it was also the day the city-supported Columbus Historical Society announced the winners of the first annual Lucas Sullivant Gift Award. The honorees were Columbus City Auditor Hugh Dorrian (*Individual Award*), the Franklinton Historical Society (*Organization Award*), and Grange Insurance (*Corporation Award*). Each were awarded for having made a significant contribution to Columbus. For more information on the city-supported Columbus Historical Society and on the Lucas Sullivant Award, please visit www.columbushistory.org



Honoree City Auditor Hugh Dorrian, Councilmember Priscilla Tyson, Councilmember Charleta Tavares, Councilmember Eileen Paley and Councilmember Hearcel Craig celebrate the city of Columbus' birthday.

LEGISLATIVE WATCH



Protecting Children by Strengthening Families

HELPING FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES KEEP CHILDREN HEALTHY:

Health and Human Development Committee Chair Charleta B. Tavares sponsored ordinance 0220-2010, which authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of \$197,615 in grant funding to allow the Board of Health to enter into a contract with Franklin County Children Services (FCCS) for the services of two public health nurses for children. One nurse will be assigned to the FCCS Intake and Investigation Department and the second nurse will provide regional nursing services. The nurses will perform health assessments of children, make home visits, provide nursing consultation and training, interpret medical reports and develop treatment plans for families referred to FCCS.



TAVARES ENCOURAGING HIV/AIDS AWARENESS: Preventing and reducing the risk of HIV/AIDS continues to be a high priority in Columbus. Health and Human Development Committee Chair Charleta B. Tavares sponsored ordinance 0194-2010, which authorizes the expenditure of \$75,000 from a grant from the Ohio Department of Health for health education and risk reduction services related to HIV/AIDS. The program will provide HIV/AIDS counseling, testing/referral as well as partner counseling and education. According to the Ohio Department of Health, there are approximately 3,023 men, women and children in Central Ohio living with HIV. Councilmember Tavares also recognized National HIV/AIDS Awareness Day with resolution 0011X-2010.

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